

Jan Hus Presbyterian Church & Neighborhood House

A celebration of gospel and social justice.

The 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, February 27, 2011



“However many blessings we expect from God, God’s infinite liberality will always exceed all our wishes and our thoughts.”

~ John Calvin

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Open the doors, open our hearts
Many: **God moves around us and within us.**

One: Together we create space for something new.
Many: **This is the day, this is the place.**

One: In gratitude we welcome the Divine into our midst.
Many: **Welcome and thanks to you, oh dear One.**

***Hymn #554: Let All Things Now Living**

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Let All Things Now Living

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Welsh folk melody

Katherine K. Davis, 1939; alt.

Harm. Gerald H. Knight (1908-1979)

Unison

1. Let all things now liv - ing A song of thanks - giv - ing
2. By law God en - forc - es. The stars in their cours - es,

To God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;
The sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

Who fash - ioned and made us, Pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
The hills and the moun - tains, The riv - ers and foun - tains,

By guid - ing us on to the end of our days.
The depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

Harmony

God's ban - ners are o'er us, Pure light goes be - fore us,
We, too, should be voic - ing Our love and re - joic - ing

A pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:
With glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise:

Unison

Till shad - ows have van - ished, All fear - ful - ness ban - ished,
Till all things now liv - ing U - nite in thanks - giv - ing,

As for - ward we trav - el from light in - to Light.
To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise.

Prayer of Confession

As your children, O God, we long for your touch.
We ache for your blessing. We hope for your grace
You come to us in mercy and love, with a message of justice and kindness.
We hang back, not sure we can trust.
Not sure we can respond.
Not sure we can live your vision for us.
We want one more sign,
one more blessing,
one more day before we step fully into faithfulness.
Forgive us our doubt. Forgive us our reluctance. Forgive us our selfishness.
Grant us courage.
Help us to know that you are always with us,
you will never leave us,
and we will always belong to you.

A Time For Silent Prayer

Response Hymn # 322 Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me;
spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me,
Fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.

Assurance of God's Love & Forgiveness

One: Our God became wholly human so we might see the face of grace. Through the light of Christ we are forgiven.

Many: By God's grace, with God's grace, we are who we are meant to be: forgiven, restored, bearers of God's light.

***The Passing of the Peace**

Prayer for Illumination

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, so that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 49: 8-16a

Thus says God: In a time of favor I have answered you, on a day of salvation I have helped you; I have kept you and given you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages; saying to the prisoners, "Come out," to those who are in darkness, "Show yourselves." They shall feed along the ways, on all the bare heights shall be their pasture; they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them down, for he or she who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them. And I will turn all my mountains into a road, and my highways shall be raised up. Lo, these shall come from far away, and lo, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene.

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For God has comforted God's people, and will have compassion on the suffering ones. But Zion said, "God has forsaken me, my God has forgotten me." Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands...

Gospel Reading: from Matthew 6:24 – 34

"No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father/Mother feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will God not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father/Mother knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and God's righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

Provocation *I Will Not Let You Go Unless You Bless Me* Annie Rawlings

420 **God of Grace and God of Glory**

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Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

John Hughes, 1907

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Thy peo - ple
2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn Thy Christ, as -
3. Cure Thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, Bend our pride to
4. Set our feet on loft - y pla - ces; Gird our lives that

pour Thy power; Crown Thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail Thy ways! From the fears that long have bound us
Thy con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
they may be Ar - mored with all Christ - like gra - ces,

Bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
Pledged to set all cap - tives free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

For the fac - ing of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
For the liv - ing of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.
Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal, Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal.
That we fail not them nor Thee! That we fail not them nor Thee!

Preparing for the Offering

One: In this world, someone has too much.

Many: **Someone has barely enough, someone has nothing at all.**

One: When we share our commitment and financial support, we act on the imagination of Jesus.

Many: **Jesus, who sees enough bread to go around, enough courage to speak the truth, and enough love to overcome all things.**

One: O God, to those of us who have hunger, give bread.
And to those of us who have bread, give the hunger for justice.

Many: **When the 5,000 were hungry, the disciples came to Jesus and said: "Send the people away, so they may get something to eat."**

One: Jesus answered: "You give them something to eat."

Offertory Music

Blessing the Offering

One: And the people reached in their pockets and pulled out the bread and the fishes and shared them, and there was abundance for all, and even more. **Many: Amen.**

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Prayers of the People: In your prayers, please remember :

Continued healing for Jerry Brody, Mark in Hawaii, Stella Hagidas, Kerry Flynn's mom, others beginning or continuing treatment for healing; the PC(USA) and its impending choices and decisions on full inclusion and the ratification of Amendment 10-A. We are especially mindful of those in Libya and other parts of the world where people of courage seek justice and God-given rights so often denied. We stand with the right of assembly and protest, peaceful protest. We ask for prayers for our work at Jan Hus and those who bring their talents and gifts here – to serve in this very difficult mission. Pray with us and for us that we extend to others all we can, without the discouragement that so often surprises even the best of those in helping professions. Pray with us also for those considering our work in their mission giving and support. And, course, we remember all the prayers in the hearts of those present and elsewhere. We know they are heard...

And now, with the confidence of the children and creation of God, let us pray:

The Prayer that Jesus Taught Us (In Unison)

Our Mother/Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kindom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kindom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Sung Blessing (in English or Czech)

Christians rise and act your creed,
Let your prayer be in your deed;
Seek the right, perform the true,
Raise your work and life anew.
Come then law divine and reign,
Frest faith assailed in vain.
Perfect love, bereft of fear,
born in heaven and radiant here. Amen.

Amen to pozehnani prijdiz na nas vsecky,
Abychom po skonani vesli v raj nebesky,
A tam s angelskou risi, boha take ctilli,
Dejz nam to; o Jezisi, spasitely mily.
Amen.

Charge to the People & Closing Hymn #536

536 Lord, Make Us More Holy

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African-American spiritual

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1. Lord, make us more ho - ly, Lord, make us more ho - ly,
2. Lord, make us more lov - ing, Lord, make us more lov - ing,
3. Lord, make us more pa - tient, Lord, make us more pa - tient,
4. Lord, make us more faith - ful, Lord, make us more faith - ful,

Lord, make us more ho - ly, Un - til we meet a - gain.
Lord, make us more lov - ing, Un - til we meet a - gain.
Lord, make us more pa - tient, Un - til we meet a - gain.
Lord, make us more faith - ful, Un - til we meet a - gain.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Un - til we meet a - gain.
Lov - ing, lov - ing, lov - ing, Un - til we meet a - gain.
Pa - tient, pa - tient, pa - tient, Un - til we meet a - gain.
Faith - ful, faith - ful, faith - ful, Un - til we meet a - gain.

Postlude (Closing Music)

Please join us for our fellowship meal following the Postlude.

Announcements

Annual Congregational Meeting : Sunday March 6th immediately following worship. All are welcome. Please plan on attending.

New Membership Classes: We will hold a new membership class on Saturday, March 12 at 10:30 A.M. – 1 :00 P.M. If you are interested in becoming a member or an associate member of Jan Hus Presbyterian Church and Neighborhood House please plan to attend. Questions ? See Ray.



Today, Sunday, TODAY, February 27th 1:00 P.M. please stay and listen to a concert inspired by the works of Brazilian artists!

- On Sunday, February 27th, *Preludio 21* will be presented with composers from Brazil! March's great performances:
- March 6th is our special Women's Month concert. The concert will be the work of all women composers and performed by women.
- March 27th features Theremin virtuoso Kevin Kissinger and introducing 15-Minutes-of-Fame: pianist Shiau-uen Ding.

Please make sure children are supervised at all times, so that the children are always safe and the performances may be enjoyed by all!



Open Mic – First Night! Comedy Night Tonight!

This is the third of a planned series of Comedy Nights at the Jan Hus Playhouse Theater. Come with or without your jokes and join us at **6:30 P.M. on Sunday, February 13th in the Jan Hus Playhouse Theater.**



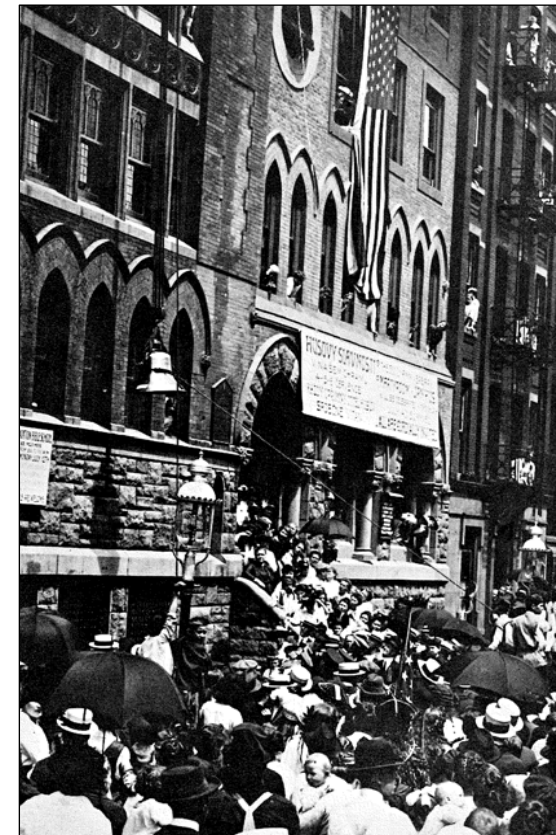
Theater of the Oppressed: *It Can Happen to You*

Special congratulations to Amy Conley, Katy Rubin, the performers and all who supported to amazing shows on Saturday evening in the Jan Hus Playhouse. Well done! Bravo! & Bravissimo!



Child's Play: PlayGroups! Moms! Dads! Grandparents! Join the FRIENDLY PLAYGROUPS designed especially for Parents/ Grandparents/Guardians and their Toddlers & Babies. Sorry, Nannies. Playgroups are led by a facilitator and include *Circle Time with Songs, Art, Storytime, Imaginative Play with Hoops, Tunnels, Puppets, Parachute, Conversation and Fun. Mandarin Language instruction, too!* For more

information contact Holly Nedelka, Director, www.ChildsPlayNYC.com, 212-879-2019, childsplayNYNY@aol.com



Since 1888, the doors of this church have been open to those who seek a new way to engage with the Spirit and share at the table Jesus has set for us all. In those early years, Jan Hus served the needs of the Czech immigrants who founded the church and named it after Czech reformer and martyr Jan Hus.

Today, our mission has expanded to include people from many different walks in life; people who want to share this stage of their journey with others in a God centered community. We continue to honor our Czech founders, as well, by singing our closing hymn in the Czech language each Sunday.

Worship at Jan Hus is a time for the Body of Christ to affirm God's vision for the world and witness the

Gospel of Hope. We believe that God is greater than human language or experience, and to more fully experience the wonder of God, we embrace language that acknowledges God the Mother and God the Father.

We hold fast to the tenets of the Reformation that call for the priesthood of all believers, therefore ours is a shared pulpit. This is a place in which we hear the Scriptures interpreted by clergy and laity, alike, reflecting our congregation and community as a diverse expression of the presence of God in each believer. We strive for sermons that are conversations which give us an opportunity to hear how God's voice speaks to each of us. Often, we are invited into new ways of seeing and hearing God, deepening and affirming those beliefs we hold most true.

It is possible that Jan Hus may seem different than what you expect in church, for surely God loves to challenge us all with the unexpected!

However you may find us, please know that you are most welcome here as one who carries within you the Spirit of God who loves us all. *Namasthe!*



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HUSSITE PETS:

Philpot, Madge, Sam, Bisou, Rocket Man, Spark Man, Lincoln, Besse Mae Mucho, Cadeau, Allie, & Marvin's Reptile Friends

Ash Wednesday	March 9, 2011	Distribution of Ashes
1 ST Sunday in Lent	March 13, 2011	
2 nd Sunday in Lent	March 20, 2011	
3 rd Sunday in Lent	March 27, 2011	
4 th Sunday in Lent	April 3, 2011	
5 th Sunday in Lent	April 10, 2011	
Passion/Palm Sunday	April 17, 2011	Distribution of Palms
Maundy Thursday	April 21, 2011	Evening Worship
Good Friday	April 22, 2011	Afternoon Vigil



Easter Sunday April 24, 2011

Bible Study – Adult Ed Program
Wednesdays during Lent (except Ash Wednesday)
7:15 – 8:30 P.M.
More information to follow.

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